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SPECIAL ECONOMIC REGIONS INVESTMENT REGIONS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Government proposes to set up Special Economic Regions /Special Investment Regions in the country;

(b) If so, the details thereof alongwith the criteria adopted for selection of the regions;

(c) Whether the Government proposes to merge Special Economic Zones with Special Economic Regions/Special Investment Regions; and

(d) If so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI KAMAL NATH)

(a) & (b) The proposal for Special Economic Regions (SERs) / Special Investment Regions (SIRs) is at conceptual stage and criteria for selection of the regions have not yet been evolved .

(c) & (d) Special Economic Zone Act / Rules do not provide for merger of SEZs.